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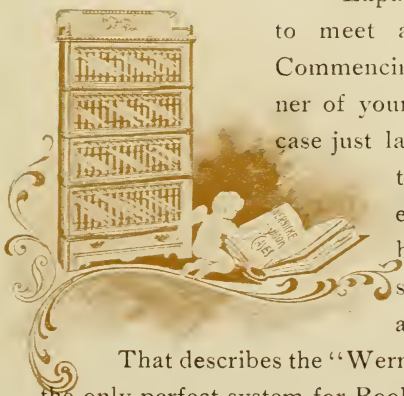
Wernicke System
Elastic Book Cases



"ELASTICITY"—Expansion—Growth to meet any increase—Commencing in one corner of your room with a case just large enough for ten books, and expanding, Unit by Unit, until all sides of the room are filled—

That describes the "Wernicke System," the only perfect system for Book cases ever invented. It solves all vexatious questions in the problem of housing a library, that ever perplexed the owner of books.

"My papa pays the freight."

IT provides the only practical method for increasing book space to meet the requirements of growing libraries.

Other Book cases are either too large at first and will have some empty shelves that stare at you in mute reproach, or your books will lie around unprotected until you have just enough to fill them, repeating the same experience from time to time as additional volumes are added to your library.

Not so, with a "Wernicke." It is never too large or too small—but always *just right.*

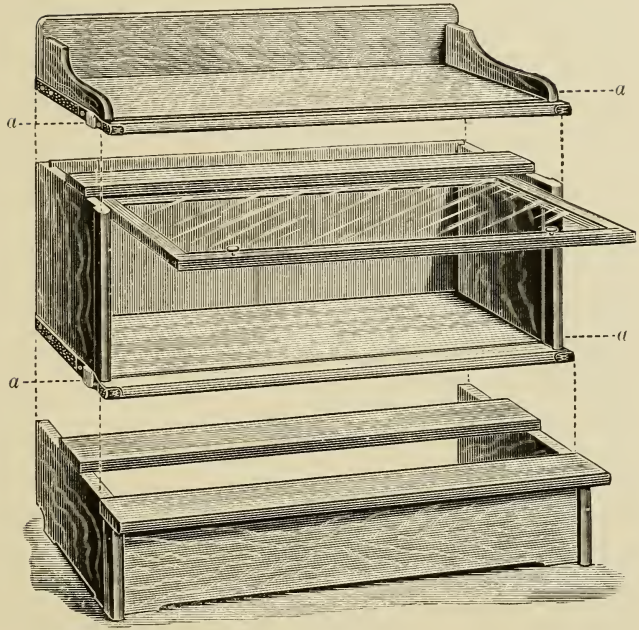
"Elastic" Book cases are suitable for offices, homes, schools, churches, societies and every place having 10 or more books, and can be adapted to numerous commercial and other uses, as will be readily understood from a careful study of the following pages.

GENERAL ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OF MISSOURI, KANSAS & TEXAS RAILWAY, ST. LOUIS,
EQUIPPED WITH WERNICKE BOOK CASES.
[Reproduced from Photograph.]

A System of Units

WERNICKE System Elastic Book cases consist of a series of small compartments, each ingeniously designed to interlock with another in vertical and horizontal arrangement. These, with suitable tops and bases, are the **Units** of the system and are of different depths and heights to suit all sizes of books.

They are made of plain oak, figured oak, walnut, imitation and genuine mahogany, with appropriate metal trimmings. The front of each compartment is provided with a dust-proof glass door, which, at its upper corners, hangs on movable pivots so that it opens outward and upward, either closing noiselessly by gravity when released, or it can be pushed backwards over the top of the books entirely out of the way. It never remains open accidentally.



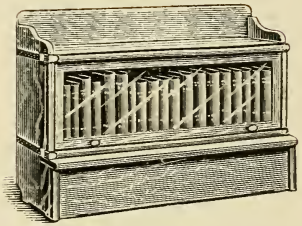
THE UNITS.

The above cut illustrates a base, with compartment and top Units suspended, showing the divided shelf construction, whereby vertical expansion with stability, economy of space, and good appearance are made possible.

The glass door is shown open, and in that position may be pushed backwards into the Unit entirely out of the way, or allowed to close itself.

The letters, a. a. a. a., indicate the metal trimmings which serve as ornaments—prevent all lateral disarrangement and contain the devices by means of which two or more Units may be securely interlocked in horizontal extension as shown on succeeding pages.

Always Complete But Never Finished



Case of one door Unit, with top and base.

ONE door Unit with a top and base, is, up to its capacity, a complete Book case.

The beginner can even start without the base and add one Unit at a time until the Book case is as high and wide as may be desired, thus avoiding an over-crowded case at one time and empty shelves at another.

When building upwards, the top center strip of each Unit fits between two outer strips on the bottom of the Unit above, thus forming a complete shelf of single thickness, this is covered with a thin veneer, to make a perfectly smooth bottom for the books to rest upon.

Thus joining the Units, makes a stable case of any height and width, as the Units cannot move from their places.

"For detailed descriptions and itemized price list, see pages 24 to 30."

A LAW OFFICE EQUIPPED WITH WERNICKE BOOK CASES.—Reproduced from Photograph.

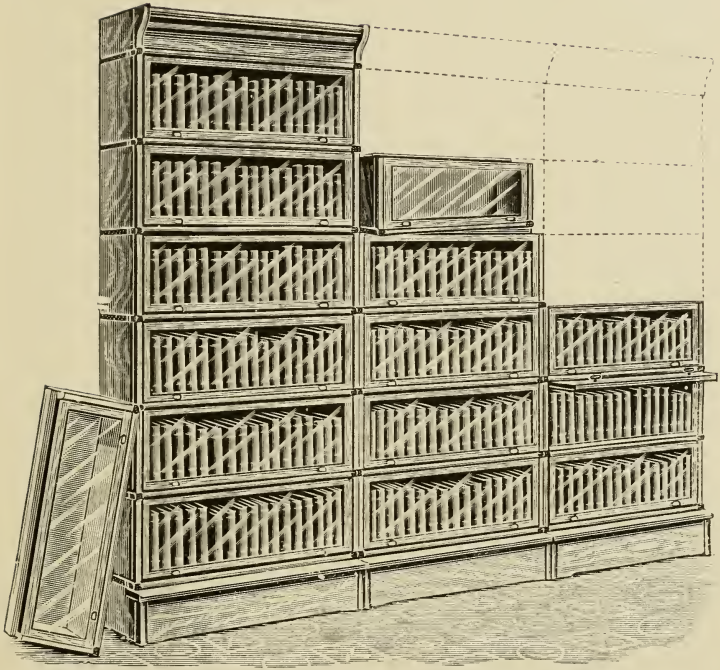
Small Enough For 10 or Large Enough For 10,000 Books

HAVING started a "Wernicke" Book case of several Units, it is not until horizontal extension is desired that the wonderful utility and beauty of this system is realized.

Then are its "Elastic" features appreciated to their fullest extent.

At either end of each Unit there is an ingenious device, covered by a special patent, for interlocking it laterally with corresponding Units on either side. These connect automatically, requiring neither tools nor skill to arrange.

When a number of Units are placed side by side in this manner and one above the other, they form a compact harmonious whole, and the process of building can go on until the entire side of a room is transformed into a beautiful Book case.



Above cut shows how the Units can be built up into large Book cases.

For detailed descriptions and itemized price list, see pages 24 to 30.

A Living Book Case That Grows With Your Library

SO gradually does the building-up process go on that the expense is not felt, and the result is a Book case which the owner might have hesitated to purchase all at once.

To an Attorney, or any person just starting a library, the "Wernicke" has great attractions in addition to its general utility.

With a small outlay he can make a beginning, taking a few Units as a starter. Then, with an outlay of two or three dollars at a time, he can increase the capacity of his Book case just as he needs it and scarcely feel the cost.

"The Lawyer's Dream."

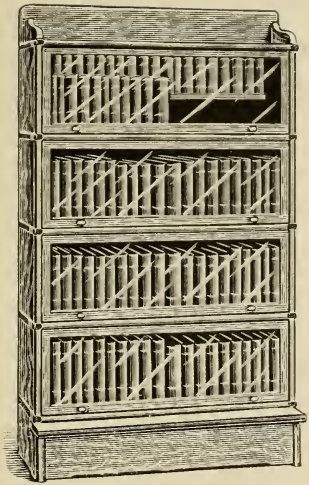
A PRIVATE LIBRARY EQUIPPED WITH ELASTIC BOOK CASES.—Reproduced from Photograph.

Utility Combined With Beauty

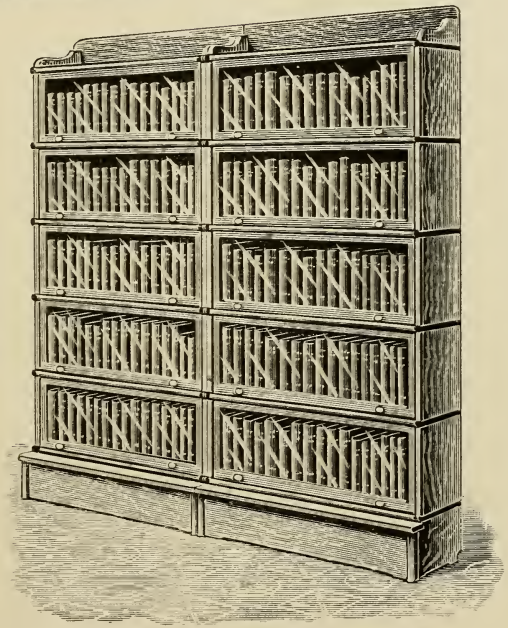
THE design and construction of the Units are such as to provide a very pleasing and artistic effect. Every book is displayed to the best possible advantage with its title in full view, and when properly arranged these Book cases do not suggest their elastic features to the uninitiated.

The plain oak cases are an ornament to any office, and the more it contains the better it looks. But where something more elegant is desired, the quartered oak, imitation mahogany, walnut or solid mahogany grades, are recommended.

For small libraries, Style No. 7, shown on page 17, is quite a favorite. These Units do not interlock at the ends, but have all the other expansive features of the standard style; with the ornamented top and fluted pilasters, they make a beautiful piece of furniture.



A single section arrangement of four door Units, with flat top and plain base Units. The upper door Unit shows how to arrange very small books in 2 rows, the rear row being elevated to show their titles, and be readily accessible.



A double section arrangement of 10 door Units, with flat top and plain base Units.

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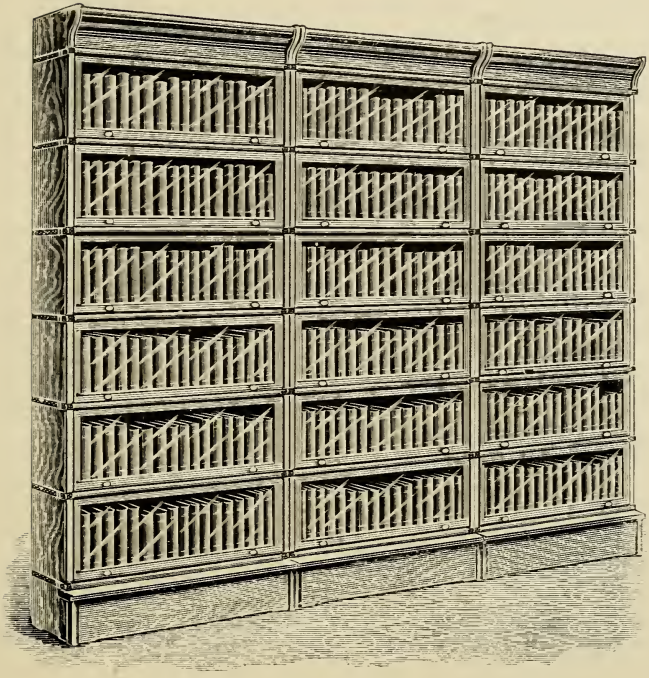
Elastic
Dust Proof
Portable

THE elasticity of Wernicke System Book cases is their greatest feature. They exactly fit all libraries, large or small.

Next is the advantage of always having clean books. The doors fit closely against jambs and are edged with felt along the top to exclude dust from the books. They close by gravity when released, after removing or replacing a book, unless pushed back, therefore can never remain open accidentally.

Another very important advantage is their portability.

Books are heavy. An old style Book case is as impossible to move as a ton of lead, unless the books are first taken out. The average boy can carry a Wernicke Unit filled with books, and can re-arrange or move a case without disturbing a single volume.



A three section arrangement of 18 door Units, with cornice top and plain base Units.

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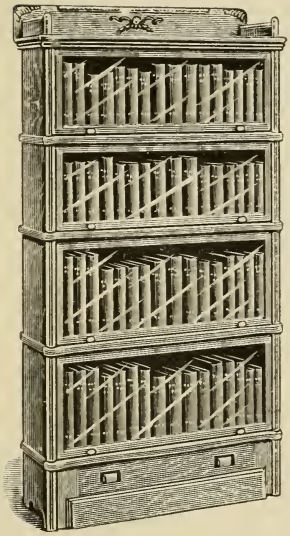
Protection to Books

THE cost of "Wernicke" Book cases is a small item in comparison with the value of the books that they will accommodate. Books deteriorate rapidly when exposed to dust and atmosphere, but if housed in dust-proof cases they will remain as good as new (except from handling) for generations, and will be worth much more to sell again than similar books from open shelves.

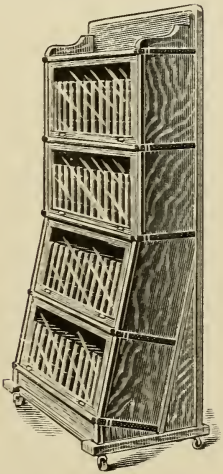
As a rule books can be protected for a smaller sum in proportion to cost, than almost any other thing of value. Yet their care and protection is often inadequate. This was due largely to the fact that, previous to the advent of the "Wernicke," the market did not afford a real practical Book case suited to the needs of growing libraries.



Style No. 7.

Style No. 7 Units are made with serpentine beaded fronts, fluted pilasters, a drawer in base, and ornamented top. These can be extended upwards, but not horizontally. They are designed for Book cases of limited capacity.

No. 2, slanting reference case, is complete as illustrated. The Units are size C 11, and furnished only in plain or quartered oak; it has full paneled back, is mounted on casters, and designed principally for lawyers' reference books.



No. 2 S. R. Case.

For detailed descriptions and itemized price list, see pages 24 to 30.

Other Uses for Wernicke System Book Cases

THE field to which this system can be adapted is almost limitless. See illustrations on the opposite page.

The Book case Units can be used—

By Physicians and Surgeons, for their instruments and many other purposes. Extra glass shelves and plush lining supplied when desired.

By Wholesale or Retail stores, for displaying samples, and storing merchandise.

By Grocers, for fancy goods of endless variety.

By Druggists, for proprietary articles, and all kinds of fancy goods.

By Confectioners, for candies, etc.

By Tobacconists, for cigars, etc.

By Jewelers, for display cases.

By Housekeepers, for china closets, curio cabinets, etc.

By Everybody, for innumerable other purposes.

By Hardware dealers, when fitted up with drawers instead of doors. (Separate catalogue on application.)

Filing Cabinets for offices, built in units like our book cases, are made by The Globe Co., Cincinnati, under our patents. (See their advertisement, pages 31 and 32.)

An arrangement of 20 door Units, with flat top and plain base Units.
The above cut illustrates a few of the many commercial uses to which the "Wernicke" Book case Units are admirably adapted, and is further explained on opposite page.

Combinations Special Arrangements and Designs

TO accommodate widely different sizes of books in the same case, what is known as "combination" Units are used. See illustration on opposite page.

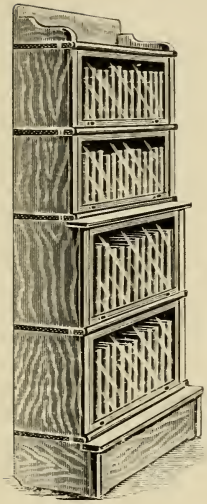
Of the larger Units below, the top one is of special design to admit of smaller units above. This is the "Combination" Unit; all the others are regular.

16-mo. books can be arranged in the "D" Units two rows deep by means of an elevated shelf in the rear. This will bring one row of books behind the other, but elevated enough to show the titles and make them easily removable. (See illustration, page 13.)

This shelf will be made by us with cases for 25c extra; or can be made anywhere at small expense.

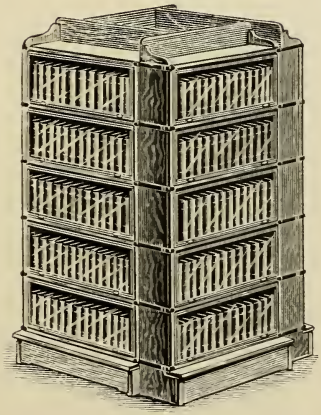
For storing unsightly articles, opaque glass doors, either ground, chipped or stained, can be used, making a receptacle more convenient for many purposes than drawers.

Prices for special designs after architect's specifications will be made on application.



This cut shows a combination case, with large Units at bottom and smaller ones above.

This cut shows how the Units can be arranged in squares or around pillars.



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Every Feature of a Perfect Book Case

THE "Wernicke System" contains every feature necessary in a perfect Book case.

They are always the right size.

They afford the best protection to books.

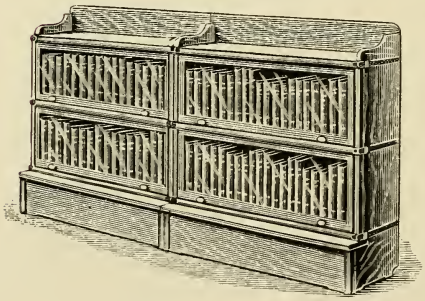
They can be moved with the books in them.

The doors do not warp, sag or hang open.

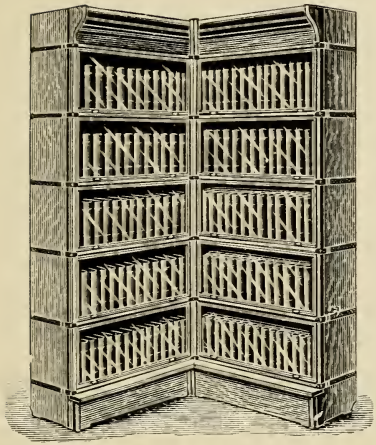
They are as convenient as an open shelf.

They are not expensive, but in reach of all.

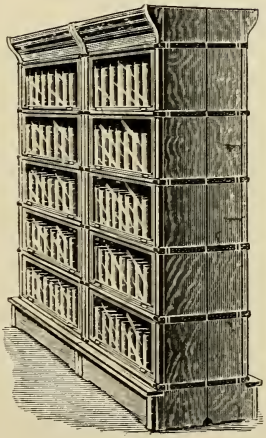
Knowing that we have the only perfect Book case, we guarantee absolute satisfaction and will allow every purchaser five days trial at our risk and cost. Money will be refunded on demand and no explanations required if the cases are not satisfactory.



An arrangement of 4 door Units, with flat top and plain base Units.



This cut shows ten door Units, arranged to fit a corner, the top and base Units only being mitred for that purpose.



This cut shows an arrangement, back to back, of twenty door Units, with cornice top, and plain base Units.

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Top and Base Units

WE make several kinds of top and base Units to suit the different tastes and requirements of customers.

The *cornice* top shown on page 15 and elsewhere, is best adapted for cases of five or more door Units in height.

The *flat* top shown on page 13 and elsewhere, is best adapted for cases of five or less door Units in height. It also serves as an additional shelf.

All standard style base Units may be had with a drawer if desired. Style No. 7, base Units will not be supplied without the drawer.

DOOR UNITS

DESCRIPTIONS OF STYLES AND GRADES.

Standard Style Units admit of vertical and horizontal extensions. These are carried in stock in all stated sizes and grades.

No. 7 Style Units are not provided with the interlocking devices at ends and admit of vertical extension only. These are carried in stock in the "D" sizes only, but in all stated grades.

Grade No. 198 consists of plain oak exposures, finished medium dark antique, gloss surface and antique coppered trimmings.

Grade No. 298 consists of quarter sawed oak exposures, finished light antique, polished surface and same trimmings as No. 198.

Grade No. 398 consists of plain red birch exposures, finished medium dark in a close imitation of mahogany, polished surface, Roman Gold end trimmings and pearl center door knobs.

Grade No. 498 consists of plain black walnut exposures, finished medium dark, polished surface and same trimmings as No. 398.

Grade No. 598 consists of solid mahogany exposures, finished medium dark, polished surface and same trimmings as No. 398.

Prices of Units in all sizes, styles and grades, under corresponding numbers, will be found on page 28. These are net but include the freight charges to any Railway station in the U. S. *No cartage or other handling charges at destination* will be allowed. When purchasers desire to have goods delivered and set up ready for use, it will only be done at agency points and at actual cost.

OUR TERMS ARE CASH. Strangers should satisfy us of their responsibility, or remit with order to avoid delays. *We will promptly refund the price*, and will give disposition of goods at our expense to any purchaser who, after five days trial, is dissatisfied and will so advise us in writing.

SIZES AND DESCRIPTION OF UNITS

All regular door units, tops and bases in standard styles measure 32 inches wide inside and 34 inches outside. No. 7 style units measure 32 inches wide inside and 36 inches outside.

The following are all inside measurements of door units. To determine outside measurements, add 2 inches each way.

Letters indicate depth from front to rear or breadth of book.

Figures indicate height from top to bottom or length of book.

C—9½ door units are 8 inches deep by 9½ inches high, and will accommodate the smaller law books and other similar octavo works.

C—11 door units are 8 inches deep by 11 inches high. These are used for law books principally, and will accommodate such volumes as the "American Digest," "Am. and Eng. Encyclopedia of Law," Reports, etc. The late volumes of U. S. Statutes (Revised) are too large to stand up in these Units, but may be laid flat if desired.

D—10¼ door units are 9½ inches deep by 10¼ inches high, and will accommodate all octavo works and many other miscellaneous books such as may be found in an ordinary library or book store.

D—12¼ door units are 9½ inches deep by 12¼ inches high, and will accommodate such volumes as Encyclopedia Britannica, Webster's Dictionary, U. S. Revised Statutes and similar volumes.

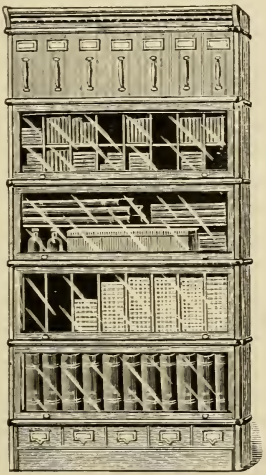
E—13½ door units are 12 inches deep by 13½ inches high. These will accommodate all quarto books such as Century Dictionaries, Congressional "Record" and "Globe," letter copying books, letter files and transfer cases, besides being admirably adapted for storing magazines, periodicals, and a variety of other things.

D—10¼ combination units are 9½ inches deep by 10¼ inches high inside, and 11½ deep by 13 inches high outside.

D—12¼ combination units are 9½ inches deep by 12¼ inches high inside, and 11½ deep by 15 inches high outside.

E—13½ combination units are 12 inches deep by 13½ inches high inside, and 14 inches deep by 16¼ inches high outside.

Any "C" or "D" book Unit will fit on top of an "E combination," but of course the "C" only will fit on top of the "D combination." Combination Units are used only when arranging a case with deeper Units below than above.



A design showing partitions and special devices for an office case. Built to order only.

Bases are all 7 inches high, and tops 6 inches high over all.

Tops and bases mitered to fit square corners (see cut page 23) will be furnished when desired at the same price as regular stock.

Special Sizes of Units up to 16 inches deep by 22 inches high inside, for folio volumes, or other books and articles which cannot be stored in E—13½, will be made to order when desired (see page 29).

PRICE LIST.

The following net prices of Units include the freight charges to any Railroad station in the United States.

GRADES.

Description of Units	No. 198	No. 298	No. 398	No. 498	No. 598
C—9½, Door Units.....each,	$2 25	$2 75	$3 00	$3 50	$3 75
C—11, Door Units..... "	2 50	3 00	3 25	3 75	4 00
C—Cornice, Top Units..... "	1 50	1 75	2 00	2 25	2 50
C—Flat, Top " ..... "	1 50	1 75	2 00	2 25	2 50
C—Plain, Base " ..... "	1 50	1 75	2 00	2 25	2 50
C—1 Drawer, Base " ..... "	2 50	3 00	3 25	3 75	4 00
D—10¼, Door Units..... "	2 50	3 00	3 25	3 75	4 00
D—12¼, Door Units..... "	2 75	3 25	3 50	4 00	4 25
D—10¼, Combination Door Units.... "	2 75	3 25	3 50	4 00	4 25
D—12¼, Combination Door Units..... "	3 00	3 50	3 75	4 25	4 50
D—Cornice, Top Units ..... "	1 50	1 75	2 00	2 25	2 50
D—Flat, Top " ..... "	1 50	1 75	2 00	2 25	2 50
D—Plain Base " ..... "	1 50	1 75	2 00	2 25	2 50
D—1 Drawer, Base " ..... "	2 50	3 00	3 25	3 75	4 00
E—13½, Door Units..... "	3 25	4 00	4 25	5 00	5 50
E—13½, Combination Door Units..... "	3 50	4 25	4 50	5 25	5 75
E—Cornice, Top Units..... "	2 00	2 25	2 50	3 00	3 25
E—Flat, Top " ..... "	2 00	2 25	2 50	3 00	3 25
E—Plain, Base " ..... "	1 50	1 75	2 00	2 25	2 50
E—1 Drawer, Base " ..... "	2 50	3 00	3 25	3 75	4 00
No. 7 D 10¼, Door Units..... "	2 50	3 00	3 25	3 75	4 00
No. 7 D 12¼, Door Units..... "	2 75	3 25	3 50	4 00	4 25
No. 7 Flat, Top " ..... "	2 50	3 00	3 25	3 75	4 00
No. 7 Drawer, Base " ..... "	2 50	3 00	3 25	3 75	4 00
No. 2 Slanting, Reference Case (complete).	16 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....

SPECIAL ORDERS

Special sizes of door Units, tops and bases will be made to order, and when larger than stock sizes, a charge of 5 per cent will be added to list for each additional inch or fraction, in length, depth and height; but when smaller than stated sizes, the price will be the same as for the next larger size. Ordinarily we can supply special sizes within thirty days after receiving order and specifications, but will not make any guarantee under sixty days.

LOCKS

When desired, our Book case Units will be fitted with "Wernicke System" ("W. S.") Locks. This device can be supplied with any style or size of Unit. The mechanism is very simple; it is fitted to the inside of the Units, and is invisible except the small escutcheon in the base where the key is applied. By means of "W. S." Locks, almost any number of doors, either in vertical or horizontal tiers, or both, may be locked or unlocked simultaneously by one turn of the key. The locking device in each Unit is independent and does not in any way interfere with their separable features.

FOR "W. S." LOCKS, ADD TO LIST PRICES OF UNITS.

For each door, - - 25c. | For each base, - - $1.50

Responsible agencies, where Wernicke System Book cases are carried in stock, have been established in the leading cities throughout the United States, Canada and Europe.

A list of agencies, and all further information, will be furnished on application to

THE WERNICKE CO.,
Grand Rapids, Mich.

CAUTION

"Wernicke System" Book cases and Cabinets are covered by the following U. S. letters patent:

No. 487,460, - - -	December 2, 1892
No. 557,736, - - - -	April 7, 1896
No. 557,737, - - - -	April 7, 1896
No. 564,401, - - - -	July 21, 1896

Other patents pending.

Also patented in European countries and Canada.

To protect ourselves and the public, our goods are sold only under our registered trade marks, "Wernicke System," and "Elastic," by regularly authorized dealers and ourselves.

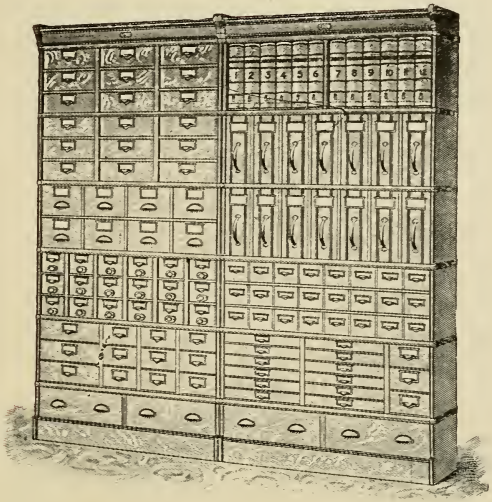
HOW TO ORDER

First, determine by actual measurement the lineal inches of shelf room required to hold the books you wish to enclose; divide the total by 32, and you will have the number of door Units needed. The number of tops and bases will be determined according to the arrangement of your library.

The sizes of Units should be selected to suit the books to be enclosed.

Next decide upon the grade, and make up your order by items, beginning with base Units and work upwards. Vertical tiers may contain all of the different sizes and combinations, but horizontal rows must be of uniform size, otherwise they cannot be interlocked. Avoid the selection of too many small sizes.

Globe-Wernicke Sectional Cabinet.



Cabinets made up of units, like the Wernicke Book Cases, but provided with all the most modern devices for filing and classifying records, accounts and papers of all kinds. Suited to the most simple or complex requirements of all commercial institutions and professional people.

Made by

THE GLOBE COMPANY,

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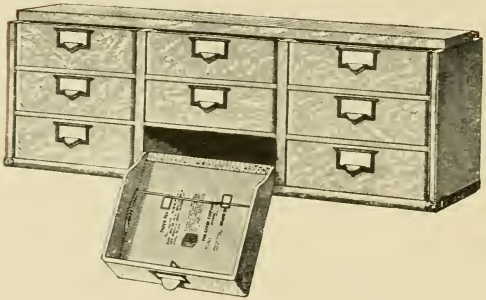
Globe-Wernicke Letter File Unit.



A complete catalogue, illustrating and fully describing the various filing devices, drawers, etc., furnished in the Globe-Wernicke Sectional System of Filing Cabinets, will be sent free on application.

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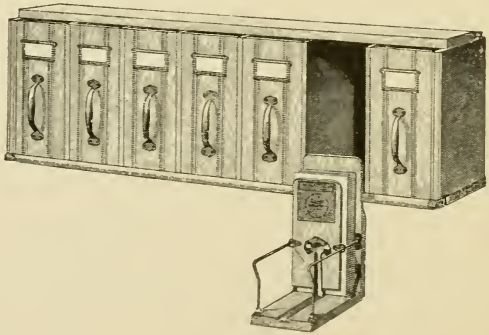

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